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IGNORING THE FACT.

Apparently the opponents of a better and larger supply of water for Salt Lake City have very little regard for the engineering opinions of Mr. Kelsey, former city engineer, or Mr. Doremus, the city's consulting engineer in its water and sewer plans. Five years ago Mr. Kelsey urged the acquisition of the right to bring part of its Utah lake water through the East Jordan canal, so the city could exchange that water for the Big Cottonwood water belonging to farmers above the city's old canal. So urgently did Mr. Kelsey recommend this plan that the city began a condemnation suit against the East Jordan canal company to secure the right to enlarge the canal and use it for this purpose.

Quite recently the present city administration secured an option on one-fifth of the stock of the East Jordan canal company, the intention being to utilize the city's share of the canal water for exchange with the Big Cottonwood farmers who are above the city's own canal. The plan had been contemplated for some time, it was approved without reserve by Mr. Doremus as consulting engineer, it was simpler and much cheaper than Mr. Kelsey's condemnation plan, and it solved at once a problem which had been before the city authorities for more than five years.

By extending a comparatively small ditch from the present terminus of the East Jordan canal, the city will be in position to exchange lake water for the high-line Big Cottonwood water and a portion of Little Cottonwood, and the farmers who now get water from these streams above the city's canal are more than willing to make the exchange.

When such authorities as Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Doremus vouch for the wisdom of the plan and endorse its every feature, even the obstructionists might be expected to acquiesce since neither of these eminent engineers has ever been suspected of being ignorant or venal or indifferent to the welfare of the city.

In spite of the evident wisdom of securing this additional supply of pure water while it may be had at a reasonable figure, the obstructionists attempt to make it appear that Mayor Morris, the city attorney, who has been his chief adviser, Mr. Doremus, Franklin S. Richards, the city engineer and his staff are all implicated in a "job," a secret scheme, something dishonorable and mean. Of course the implication was not made plain enough to invite legal action, but was still plain enough to give evidence of intent to discredit the men responsible for the East Jordan stock purchase.

Entirely apart from the ignorance shown by the declaration that the plan was "never before mentioned," the attack on the integrity of the city officials and their consulting associates was a gratuitous insult to men sincerely and honestly doing everything possible to settle Salt Lake's water question for years to come. The plan has been executed openly, has been known to every intelligent student of the situation for the past five years, and has been carried out so far at a minimum of expense with a maximum of results.

Mayor Morris and Mr. Doremus and the other men who have worked so faithfully on this question can afford to ignore such assaults as this. The public understands the motives which inspire the obstructionists and discounts all they may say. The public also approves of the measures taken to secure an ample supply of water for the city and will support the men who are pushing to completion the comprehensive undertaking they have initiated.

PEANUT POLITICS.

While the public had no right to expect, from Governor Cutler's record, that his appointments to the commission to investigate the work of the Agricultural college and the university of Utah would consist of men specially fitted by training and education for the places, the announcement of the names was a distinct disappointment. In the list of eight men there is not one who has achieved state prominence as an educator, not one who is known as a teacher beyond the confines of his own community.

At least three of the appointees, James H. Anderson of Salt Lake, Dr. A. S. Condon of Weber and Herschel Bullen of Cache are known as politicians. This is especially true of Anderson and Bullen. If either of them is fit for anything except to be cogs of the Smoot machine the public is yet to be apprised of the fact. Both Anderson and Bullen run with the machine, both are thoroughly subservient to it. Neither possesses the first qualification for an educational inquiry.

It is quite apparent that in making these appointments there was no honest desire on the part of Governor Cutler to make the investigation a meritorious one. What confidence can the Utah public have in an educational report prepared by "Fussy" Anderson? What merit can there be in educational conclusions reached by the machine boss of Cache county? Governor Cutler has never been ap-

peared of being above the peanut size in politics, but this list of nominations is a shame and a reproach even to one of his faint appreciation of the duties and obligations of his office. But, perhaps we are over severe on Cutler. Perhaps he is only obeying the orders of the real boss, Senator Smoot.

Nevertheless the injection of scavenger politics into a matter that should be absolutely free from it is an act that should bring upon the machine the severest condemnation of every good citizen. Even Governor Cutler should have been above such a performance, and the fact that he has been guilty of it shows the lengths to which the Smoot machine is prepared to go in Utah.

ABOUT INCOME TAXES.

The consular and diplomatic representatives of the British government have been investigating the income tax question and the result of their work has just been given out. It is shown that the returns from income taxes form a considerable proportion of the revenues of many countries, including Great Britain. There the tax is a shilling on every pound above \$900, or about five per cent.
But the rate is not fixed arbitrarily in England. It is increased or decreased according as there is need for money and all incomes above \$3,500 are required to pay the maximum tax. Spain, Austria, Prussia and Italy all have income taxes. The rate in Italy is very high, in some cases being as much as twenty per cent of the whole. This is also true of Austria. The minimum income taxed varies considerably. In Austria it is \$50, \$100 in Saxony, \$25 in Prussia, \$20 in Holland and \$25 in Spain.

The rates run as low as six-tenths of one per cent on the income of a laborer and as high as five per cent on the incomes of those who have abundant wealth. Thus the burden is distributed over the shoulders of those best able to bear it. Thus no income under \$50,000 pays the maximum tax in Austria and Baden and none under \$25,000 in Prussia. There has never been any question in the countries named about the constitutionality of the tax. It is paid grudgingly in some instances, true, but the public treasury is yearly enriched by it.

In the United States it appears that we cannot have an income tax until there is an amendment to the constitution. At least that is what the supreme court told us on one occasion.

RETIREMENT OF LOOMIS.

The announcement of the appointment of a successor to Assistant Secretary of State Loomis is gratifying. The new assistant is Robert Bacon, a former partner in the banking house of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. Mr. Bacon does not appear to have had any diplomatic experience except such as is involved in the transaction of a banking business in which a considerable amount of diplomacy is required. However, there is a difference between banking diplomacy and diplomacy of the international sort.

In any event, though, Mr. Bacon cannot be worse than the aspirant, Loomis, and there are reasons for hoping he will be a great deal better. At the time he tendered his resignation Loomis said that he would be appointed to an important diplomatic post. His name has been used in connection with the Mexican mission and with other prominent places outside of the country. It is very much to be hoped, though, that Mr. Loomis' assertion and all other statements to the effect that he will be continued in the government service in any capacity are without foundation.

President Roosevelt has a habit of taking care of his friends and Loomis is one of them. If he had not been close to the president he would have been kicked out of the state department long since. Instead he was sent as a special envoy to France to bring home the bones of the gallant first American admiral, Paul Jones. This signal honor, unworthily bestowed, was the last mark of presidential favor Loomis received. Let us hope it will always be the last.

The sheriff of Silver Bow county (Butte) Montana, is entitled to congratulations on holding the jail against a mob that threatened to lynch a murderer. There is little doubt but that the criminal will be punished as he deserves and the sheriff was right in protecting him. He has set an example where examples are not looked for, and some of the eastern and southern sheriffs may profit thereby.

P. Bunau-Varilla, the gentleman who jobbed us on the Panama canal matter, arrived in New York from Paris yesterday. He should not have been permitted to land but now that he is with us let everybody watch to see what new job he has on hand.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is in session in Portland. There will, of course, be numerous parades, as the members of the organization do not get enough of that kind of exercise.

The treaty of Portsmouth has been signed by the peace envoys and we'll all now promptly forget that there is such a town on the New England coast.

At the age of seventy-odd Marshall Field of Chicago has married again. Mr. Field has so much money that nobody will venture to criticize him.

You'll have to keep your eyes off the sporting page this morning if you want to maintain your reputation for not caring for pugilistic encounters.

The National Guard has gone to Mant to camp out for a while. Now the question is: When will he come home?

A returned missionary brings the startling news that Korea sympathizes with the Japanese. Well, she'd better.

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Society.

Mrs. John A. Marshall will leave tomorrow with her two daughters for Europe, where she will place the girls in school for a few years. Mrs. Marshall will remain through the winter and will be joined later by Miss Mary Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Moses Kirkpatrick and the Misses Ruth and Mose Kirkpatrick will take the Marshall home for the winter.

Mrs. George F. Foster went to Ogden last evening, where she attended the wedding of her sister, Miss Elsie Bohn, and Harry Hayward of Chicago.

F. J. Gustin goes to Kearney, Neb., this morning to visit his parents.

Miss Louise Root entertains a number of her girl friends at a luncheon Saturday prior to her departure to re-enter school at Crete, Neb.

Mrs. Emma S. Ellerbeck is back from Long Beach, where she spent the better part of the summer.

Louis McCormick entertained a party of his men friends at a stag dinner at the University club last evening.

Mrs. Fisher Harris, Miss Margaret Harris and the boys will be home tomorrow from Brighton, where they have spent the summer.

The regular mid-week luncheon at the Country club will be given today, a number of the members having engaged tables.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Young of Ogden to A. W. Jacobs of Rochester, N. Y., will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Thursday, Sept. 1. The affair will be a quiet one, attended by only a few friends, and the young people will leave immediately after for Rochester. They will be at home after Oct. 1 at 14 Arnold block.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Treganza are expected shortly from Fernando, Cal., to be guests for a time of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Treganza.

Miss Mary Olive Gray has returned after an absence of a year abroad.

Mrs. Robert G. Smith and Miss Mayme Noble will leave the latter part of the week for a stay of some months in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Elliott Kelly have moved and are again at home at 933 Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Squire Coop are guests at the Hermitage in Ogden canyon for a short time.

Arthur Clinton Moore, who has been the guest for the past fortnight of Colonel and Mrs. C. D. Moore, left yesterday for his home in Boston.

Miss Jean Odell will leave about the middle of the month for Miss Bennett's school in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Case passed through the city the first of the week on their way to San Francisco.

Mrs. David R. Gray gave a luncheon at the Commercial club for Mrs. Philip Garrettson of Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Keyes expect to leave about the middle of the month for a trip through the northwest.

Mrs. Elsie Green, a former student of Rowland Hall and now a graduate of Vassar, will be in the corps of that institution during the opening year.

Mrs. Ethel Young of Ogden is the guest of Salt Lake friends for a few days.

Miss Eliza Dey entertained at a dinner at the Commercial club last evening in compliment to the Misses Mary and Cary Marshall, who will leave Thursday for Paris. The guests were seated at the large round table in the private dining room, which was decorated with the season's flowers. The friends to meet the Misses Marshall were Miss Marjorie Dey, Miss Dorothy Rookledge, Miss Aline McMillan, Miss Margaret Walker, Frank Knox, Ellsworth Farnsworth, Alfred Siegel, Morton Cheeseman, Clarence Sprague, Ted Brown and Roger Powers.

Mrs. Hiram Gray and her two children are here from Spokane visiting Mrs. Gray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Strickley.

Miss Jennie Glaser entertains this afternoon for Miss Gertrude Circle, who is the guest of Miss Helen Cohn.

The Misses Elizabeth M. and Frances Quilrough are now in their new home at 3510 Seventh East street.

Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald is back from a summer spent in Kimberly and it at home with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Green.

Mrs. Emmanuel Kahn and her daughter Rita are back from a short stay in Glenwood Springs and Manitou.

Mrs. A. B. Sloan will entertain the women of the garrison at a bridge tea Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Packard will go to Portland early next week to remain some time at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Carlos Roberts will leave Saturday for Seattle, where they will make their home.

Miss Louise Wheeler and her niece, Miss Margaret Farnsworth, are in town to Barbara, where they will spend the better part of the winter with Mr. Farnsworth and Miss Zetta Farnsworth.

David R. Gray has returned from a trip of some two weeks' duration through Yellowstone.

Miss Lola Maddison is here from Chicago, where she has spent the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baumgarten are home from a stay of some time in Los Angeles and Catalina Island.

Miss Lorna Russell entertained a party of her little friends yesterday afternoon at the Dwyer home on North Temple street. The hours were spent in games and merriment, the following being present: Margaret McMillan, Florence Wells, Margie Wells, Georgia Williams, Agnes Pitt, Alice Pitt, Priscilla Cartwright, Amy Howe, Geneva Wright, Claudia McCune, Gladys Dean, Priscilla Jennings.

Miss Belle Parsons, a former Salt Lake girl, arrived yesterday afternoon and is a guest at the Sherman home.

Mrs. Frank Kimball is in Long Beach, Cal., a guest of the Meheey family.

Mrs. Ezra Thompson, her son Lynn and daughter Norine, and the two small boys, are home from a season spent on the coast. They returned by way of Portland, spending some time at the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Jules Mailloux, who have been guests at the home of Mrs. Julia Alexander, will leave today for Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Prosser are home from a visit with friends in Arkansas. Mrs. Lucy Mitchell is a guest at their home on her way back from Portland.

Miss Mary Lucky of Washington, D. C., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H.

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Mrs. Thomas Marleaux will entertain at a small luncheon at the Country club today.

Mrs. E. F. Root is home from a visit of some weeks with friends in Evanston.

The regular meeting of the Jewish Relief society will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m. in the B. B. lodge room.

Phil Margetts and daughters, Minnie and Lizzie, have returned from a trip to Idaho Falls, where they visited Mr. Margetts' daughter, Mrs. Mulhall.

Mrs. S. R. Bronne of Trinidad, Colo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eno, and her sister, Mrs. A. E. Wallace of 193 First street, for a few weeks.

Miss Gratia Flanders

Has just returned from a three months' stay in Chicago, where she had the opportunity of enjoying a special teacher's course with the noted master, Emil Liebling. She has also spent much time in the music stores, adding a large number of new compositions to her already extensive teaching repertoire. Her studio at 1645 East South Temple street will be open Saturday, Sept. 9, from 10 until 12 a. m. Pupils desiring good hours should register promptly at this time.

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